fore the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The total number of employees which the Judgement of the Hon'ble CAT seeks to cover is around 2,98,320. The State-wise break up is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(c) There were 19 categories of EDA employees prior to 14th December, 1987. With effect from 14th December, 1987, 10 categories of ED employees stand abolished and further recruitment to these 10 categories has been stopped. However, none of the incumbent of such posts has been discharged. They are being absorbed in other ED categories. The total number of ED employees as on 31st March, 1986, 31st March, 1987 and 31st March, 1988 was 2,99,042; 2,97,086; and 2,98,320 respectively. The break-up of these numbers in each category will be laid on the table of the House

**Statement**

| State/Circle | No. of Employees to be covered by the Judgement of the CAT. |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 30,114 |
| Bihar | 19,809 |
| Delhi | 448 |
| Gujarat | 17,476 |
| Haryana | 4,304 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 6,060 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 3,075 |
| Karnataka | 16,925 |
| Kerala | 12,387 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 22,981 |
| Maharashtra | 23,455 |
| North Eastern | 14,093 |
| Orissa | 18,091 |
| Punjab | 6,760 |
| Rajasthan | 16,144 |
| Tamil Nadu | 24,949 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 39,848 |
| West Bengal | 21,401 |
| TOTAL | 2,98,320 |

**Recruitment of ED Employees**

2996. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitment ban exists in respect of ED employees if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether fresh appointments have been made to fill up the vacant posts of ED employees, if so, their number in each of the last three years, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. The ED posts falling vacant due to promotion, retirement, death, resignation, dismissal, removal or deputation can now be filled up by Divisinonal Superintendents after reviewing the need for filling up of the posts.

(b) The appointments to ED posts where required were being made earlier with the prior approval of the Head of the Circle. As the appointments are made at the lower levels, no information is maintained at this end regarding number of appointments made.

**Functioning of the Tirupati Telephone Exchange**

2997. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present installed capacity, actual number of woking connections and present number of persons on the waiting list in different categories of Tirupati Telephone Exchange in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) by when the waiting lists are likely to be cleared; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the capacity of the said exchange, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a)

The information is as under (as on 31-10-1988):

Installed Capacity 2300 working connection 2212 Waiting List:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| OYT | — | 11 |
| Special | — | 73 |
| General | — | 569 |
| TOTAL | | 653 |

(b) The waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during 1988-89 and 1989-90.

(c) Yes, Sir. During 1988-89, 700 lines are proposed to be added by conversion of 2300 Lines MAX-II Exchange into 3000 Line MAX-I Cross Bar Exchange, and its expansion by 500 Lines further (3000 to 3500) during 1989-90.

**Import of Telephone Equipments**

2998. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the value of telephone equipments being imported during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to increase the indigenous production of Telecommunication equipment and to reduce the import; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Indian Telephone Industry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The value of telephone equipments imported during the last three years is:—

| | (Rs. Crores) |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | 95.16 |
| 1986-87 | 116.46 |
| 1987-88 | 85.00 (estimated) |

(b) and (c) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Excessive Billing of Telephones**

2999. DR. MOHD. HASHMI KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints have been received by the Government about excessives billing of telephones from January, 1987 till September 30, 1988; State-wise;

(b) how many of these complaints were found correct or genuine;

(c) what action has been taken against those who were found responsible for preparing such bills; and

(d) what are the details of corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The informations is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Generation of Solar Energy**

3000. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise quantum in Megawatts of solar energy being generated in the country at present; and

(b) the State-wise amount earmarked for this purpose during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The Solar Photovoltaic Systems installed in the country are expected to be generating 1.5 million Kwhr electrical energy and the Solar thermal Systems are expected to be generating|saving 242 Kwhr thermal energy per annum. In addition, 8 million units of electricity were generated in 1987-88 from wind farm projects with an installed capacity of 6 MW. Furthermore Biogas and Biomass generated|saved 4801 million Kwhr and Improved Chulhas saved over 3 million tonnes of fuel wood during 1987-88.